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FOI: CUT OFF METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BAND-LIKE PAPER AND CONTROL APPARATUS FOR THE SAME

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Sir:

The applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application filed on March 22, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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